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First Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Ferry **Adamhar** (Indonesia)

1. At its fifty-fifth meeting, on 15 May 2001, the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: China, Indonesia, Monaco, Romania, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held its first meeting on 15 May 2001.

3. Mr. Ferry Adamhar (Indonesia) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 14 May 2001, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretariat made a statement supplementing the memorandum by the Secretariat with regard to including those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretariat, as orally supplemented during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 52 States participating in the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden,

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the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum by the Secretariat, as orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbale from Ministries, Embassies, Permanent Missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 40 States participating in the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Fiji, France, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, India, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malta, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Yemen.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee,*
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 14 May 2001, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"*The Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*

"*Approves* the first report of the Credentials Committee."